

REMARKS

FORMAL MATTERS:

Claims 27, 31, 32, 34-38, 46-9, 52-63, 64-80 are pending.

Claims 31, 55, 63, 66, 67, 71, 64, and 75 are amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Claim 63 is proposed for amendment to recite that the antibiotic is kanamycin and the positive ion is calcium. Support for this amendment is found in claim 64 as previously presented, as well as in the specification at, for example, page 8, last full paragraph.

Claims 46, 47, 79 and 80 are rejoined as per the Examiner's agreement during the Interview of December 7, 2009 (see below). These claims were previously withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Claims 48-49, 64, and 81-82 are canceled without prejudice.

No new matter is added.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant wishes to express gratitude to Examiner Le for the telephonic interview conducted December 7, 2009. During the interview the Examiner suggested the claim amendments set forth above. The Examiner also indicated that previously withdrawn claims 46, 47, 79 and 80 would be rejoined. In addition, Applicant's representative suggested amendment of claim 63 to recite the antibiotic and positive ion, as set forth above.

The Examiner indicated that the amendments place the application in form for allowance.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Examiner requested that a revised version of the English translation of Zong Jianchao et al. (1993) "Study on Determining the Molecular Weight of PICKCa and PLPC with the Method of Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoresis (PAGE)" *Chinese Journal of Pharm. Analysis* 13 (4): 219-222.¹ The requested revision is to ensure the English translation – like the

¹ Applicants note that throughout prosecution this reference has been referred to as "Zong et al.:".

original Chinese text – clearly delineates the Svedberg values of 4.0 S and 14.0 S values for the 4S tRH=NA and 14 S RNA standards.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the reference and indicate its consideration by initialing the PTO form and forwarding an initialed copy with the next action.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number NBMP-001(SP).

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